

Report on Awareness creation Programme in Narsingdi:

An Awareness creation programme on *Women in Policing* was held on 10 May 2015 Narsingdi police line with the initiative of PRP.

Guests/Resource persons:

- DIG (Finance) Bangladesh Police and President BPWN Ms. Mily Biswas, PPM was the chief guest of the occasion.
- Project Manager of PRP Mr. Adries Redman was present in the programme as Special guest. From PRP Component Head of Promoting gender sensitive policing Ms. Fawzia Khondker and Victim support expert Ms Shamima Begum also represent the programme.
- Ms. Amena Begum Superintendent of police chaired the occasion. Civil surgeon of Narsingdi Ms. Putul Roy was also invited to the programme.
- BPWN Vice President AIG (crime west) Rebeka Sultana and Member Secretary ADC (Finance), DMP Abida Sultana also attended the programme.

Participants:

- 105 Girl students from different colleges of Narsingdi
- Teachers, Officer in Charges of police stations, female members of Narsingdi district police, media-partners along with civil society 45 members also joined in the programmes.

The main objectives of the programme:

1. To introduce role and success of Bangladesh women police in national and international level
2. To Inspire Girls to join in Bangladesh police
3. To create more awareness on Gender sensitivity and violence against women
4. To share Victim support facilities for vulnerable groups
5. To interact with the participants through open forum to meet their interest

Discussion points of the Programme:

- After introducing the Guests Police Super Amena Begum addressed all participants in her inaugural speech.
- The key points of her speech was to be more confident and courageous to combat Sexual harassment .She also informed that one help desk with women police will be arranged in all Police Station of Narsingdi. She proposed PRP to extend cooperation for this initiative.
- To avoid sexual harassment she declared a new SMS code system for Narsingdi District.
- After her speech BPWN theme song and Women in Policing in details was presented by ADC Abida Sultana.
- After that Gender Expert of PRP Ms. Fawzia Khondker highlighted the importance of Gender for women empowerment and sustainability.
- She also urged the girls to protest any domestic violence and discrimination by Raising voice and gradually breaking the silence.

- The participants also acknowledged of victim support facilities of 8 VSC through presentation and documentary on the topic presented by Shamima Begum, Victim Support Expert PRP.
- In open forum participants from different college expressed their views, shared their observation and relevant queries to the resource persons.
- Project Manager Mr. Adries shared the audience on PRP activities to bring reform in policing and extend thanks to the concern for arranging such programmes.
- Ms. Putul Roy, Civil Surgeon of Narsingdi district also urged in her speech to come forward girls to protest child marriage and to combat violence against women.
- In the speech of chief guest Ms Mily Biswas addressed the girls to choose their career in police to strengthen more services for women and children.
- She thanked PRP for conducting such awareness creation workshop and proposed to increase the number of awareness and campaign pgrm in collaboration of BPWN.
- At the end of programme AIG (crime west), PHQ and Vice president of BPWN Rebeka Sultana gave vote of thanks to PRP, other Guests, Narshingdi police authority, participants and media representatives for their sincere support and cooperation to make the event successful.

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